

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected.

Claims 2, 3 and 5-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The subject matter of claims 1 and 2 has been combined and is presented herein as new, independent claim 9. Hence, new claim 9 is in allowable condition. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

The subject matter of claim 3 is presented herein as new claim 10 and depends from new claim 9. Claim 10 is, likewise, in allowable condition because it depends from an allowable base claim. Claim 3 has been canceled.

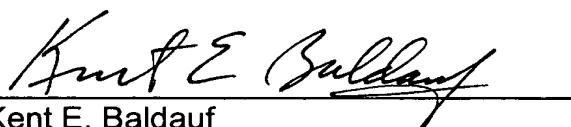
Claims 4-6 have been amended to depend from new claim 9, and claims 7 and 8 now depend from new claim 10. New claim 11 has also been added herein. New claim 11 contains the same subject matter as claim 4 but is dependent on new claim 10. Hence, dependent claims 4-8 and 11 are in condition for allowance since they either depend directly or indirectly from allowable base claim 9.

The Examiner's favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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